

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1-10, and add new claims 29-44, as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1.-28. (Canceled)

29. (New) A method of manufacturing a scrubbing soap bar, comprising:  
placing a scrubbing element into a mold, the scrubbing element comprising a non-woven filamentous network with internal void regions;  
providing a removable cover to a top surface of the mold, the cover comprising at least two holes;  
removing at least some of the air in the mold through a first one of the holes; and  
providing soap material to the mold through a second one of the holes.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the scrubbing element comprises a non-woven nylon filament network with internal void regions.

31. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the scrubbing element is rectangular in shape.

32. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the act of providing a removable cover to the top of the mold creates a hermetically sealed enclosure.

33. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the air is removed by a vacuum.

34. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the air is removed from the mold prior to supply soap material to the mold.

35. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the act of applying the soap material to the mold comprises applying the soap material to the mold in a semi-liquid stream.

36. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the mold has a plurality of internal raised surfaces.

37. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the soap material is comprised of a synthetic detergent material.

38. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the non-woven filamentous network comprises fibers, the fibers being at least one of organic fibers, metallic fibers and polymer fibers.

39. (New) A method of manufacturing soap including a scrubbing element, comprising:

placing a nylon fiber scrubbing element with internal void regions into a mold;  
providing a removable cover to a top surface of the mold, the cover comprising a plurality of holes;

removing at least some of the air in the mold through at least one hole;  
providing soap material to the mold through at least one hole;  
allowing the mold to set; and  
removing the soap material and the scrubbing element from the mold.

40. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the air is removed from the mold by a vacuum pump.

41. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the act of providing the removable cover to a top surface of the mold creates a hermetically sealed enclosure.

42. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the soap material fills the internal void regions of the scrubbing element.

43. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the soap material extends beyond the surface of the scrubbing element.

44. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein soap material is comprised of a synthetic detergent material.